Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

[Claim 1] (Original)

A diamine compound represented by Formula 1 below:

wherein

A is a single bond, -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-;

B is a single bond, -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-;

the substituents C are independently a single bond, -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-; and

the substituents D are independently a C_{1-20} linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group which may be substituted with at least one halogen atom, or a functional group represented by Formula 2 below:

wherein the substituents C'are independently -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-; and

the substituents D'are independently a C_{1-20} linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group, or a functional group represented by Formula 3 below:

wherein the substituents C"are independently -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-; and

the substituents D"are independently a C_{1-20} linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group, or a functional group represented by Formula 4 below:

wherein the substituents C"'are independently -O-, -COO-, -CONH-, or -OCO-; and

the substituents D"'are independently a $C_{1\text{--}20}$ linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group.

[Claim 2] (Original)

The diamine compound according to claim 1, wherein the diamine compound is a compound represented by Formula 5 or 6 below:

[Claim 3] (Original) A polyamic acid prepared by copolymerizing the diamine compound according to claim 1, an alicyclic dianhydride, an aromatic cyclic dianhydride, and optionally, an aromatic cyclic diamine and/or a siloxane-based diamine.

[Claim 4] (Currently Amended) The polyamic acid according to claim 3 prepared by copolymerizing the diamine compound, an alicyclic dianhydride, an aromatic cyclic dianhydride, and optionally, an aromatic cyclic diamine and/or a siloxane-based diamine, wherein the diamine compound according to claim 1 is present in an amount of 0.1~100 mole%, and the aromatic cyclic diamine and the siloxane-based diamine are present in an amount of 0~99.9 mole%, based on the total amount of the diamine monomers.

[Claim 5] (Original) The polyamic acid according to claim 3, wherein the aromatic cyclic dianhydride is present in an amount of 10~95 mole%, and the alicyclic dianhydride is present in an amount of 5~90 mole%, based on the total amount of the dianhydride monomers.

[Claim 6] (Original) The polyamic acid according to claim 3, wherein the polyamic acid has a number-average molecular weight of 10,000 to 500,000 g/mol.

[Claim 7] (Original) A soluble polyimide prepared by wholly or partially imidizing the polyamic acid according to claim 3.

[Claim 8] (Currently Amended) A mixture of the polyamic acid according to claim 3 prepared by copolymerizing the diamine compound, an alicyclic dianhydride, an aromatic cyclic dianhydride, and optionally, an aromatic cyclic diamine and/or a siloxane-based diamine and the soluble polyimide according to claim 7.

[Claim 9] (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal alignment film produced by dissolving the polyamic acid according to claim 3 prepared by copolymerizing the diamine compound, an alicyclic dianhydride, an aromatic cyclic dianhydride, and optionally, an aromatic cyclic diamine and/or a siloxane-based diamine, the soluble polyimide according to claim 7 prepared by wholly or partially imidizing the polyamic acid, or the mixture according to claim 8 in a solvent, coating the solution on a substrate, and wholly or partially imidizing the coated solution.

[Claim 10] (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising the liquid crystal alignment film according to claim 9.